

EXPLANATION

ROCK CHARACTERISTICS

GEOLOGIC AND ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING LAND MODIFICATION

- QUATERNARY**
- al Alluvium: Flood-plain and low level terrace deposits of sand and silt overlying silty clay and gravel; large cobbles present.
  - ai Alluvium: Sand, cobbles, rounded boulders, and angular blocks, in upland stream valleys.
  - ta Talus deposits: Cobbles, boulders, and angular blocks in a sand matrix.
  - td Terrace and alluvial-fan deposits: High-level terrace and alluvial-fan deposits of gravel and sand in a red clay matrix.

Alluvium periodically flooded; cuts and excavations subject to sliding and sloughing; flooding restricts nonfarm uses. (Unit 14 in text.)

Block fields and debris-filled valleys on the Blue Ridge subject to creep, slides, and local rockfalls. Droughtiness, steep slopes, and mass movement limit agricultural and non-farm uses. (Unit 13 in text.)

Older, upland sediments of variable permeability; artificial cuts subject to creep and sloughing. Characteristics of underlying bedrock may greatly influence environmental response of terrace deposits to man-induced stress. (Unit 12 in text.)

- TRIASSIC**
- sc Sandy clay: Sand, clay, and coarse quartzite debris, (in cross sections A-A' and C-C' only)
  - d Diabase dikes: Dark greenish-gray to black diabase.

Suspected zone of solution and collapse, to occur locally beneath unit 7.

Weathers into large, rough-surfaced, round boulders and light-red clay. Difficult to excavate. (Unit 11 in text.)

- ORDOVICIAN**
- Omb Martinsburg Formation: a, alternating thick-bedded, bluish-gray, brown-weathering, medium-grained, metamorphosed lithic sandstone and thin-bedded, dark-gray calcareous slate.
  - Ol a, very thin to medium-bedded, dark-gray calcareous slate alternating with tan-weathering argillite and dark-gray argillaceous limestone. c, black, graphitic slate; very rare argillite lamellae.

Shallow, shaly, acidic soil overlying slate and metamorphosed sandstone. Cuts subject to sliding and sloughing. (Unit 10 of text.)

Shallow, residual soils overlying calcareous slate, interbedded argillite, and argillaceous limestone. Shallow cover subject to severe erosion on denuded slopes. (Unit 9 in text.)

- Lincolshire Formation: Dark-gray, medium-grained, medium- to thick-bedded limestone with abundant black nodular chert and thin, irregular pink or brown partings. A gray, coarsely crystalline, bioclastic limestone is present locally. New Market Limestone: Dovegray, massive, micritic limestone.

Shallow soils developed on hills, locally cherty soil and high shrink-swell clay. Sinkholes are common. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Beekmantown Formation: Interbedded dove-gray, micritic limestone and thick-bedded, fine- to medium-grained, light-gray dolomite (upper part). Massive beds of light-gray and dark-gray dolomite with interbedded chert (middle part). Interbedded dark-gray, laminated limestone and gray, medium- to coarse-grained, thick-bedded dolomite (lower part).

Deep, well-drained clayey soils on gentle slopes. Moderate permeability and moderately high shrink-swell potential. Conical hills are underlain and covered by massive chert. Large sinkholes and caves are common. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Chepultepec Formation: Dark-gray to bluish-black, fine-grained, thick-bedded cherty limestone with a few thin interbeds of orangish-yellow weathering, gray dolomite. Siliceous laminae are abundant in the lower part.

Generally deep, clayey soils on gently rolling terrain; small sinkholes common. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Conococheague Formation: Dark-gray, fine-grained, argillite limestone alternating with ribbon-bedded limestone, thinly laminated limestone, and light-brown weathering, laminated to thick-bedded dolomite. s, light-tan to brown, medium- to coarse-grained sandstone occurs as thin beds in the lower part and as thicker, more persistent beds in the middle part.

Generally shallow clayey soils, moderate permeability. Sinkholes and caves are well developed at or near sandstone beds. Soil is sandy, deeper, and more permeable down-slope from the sandstone beds. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Elbrook Formation: Ceu, upper member, characteristically orangish-yellow weathering, gray to dark-gray crystalline dolomite with phyllitic and slaty interbeds; some thin interbeds of dark-gray argillite.

Moderately deep, well-drained soils, somewhat shaly. Small sinkholes are common. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Cel, lower member, laminated to thin-bedded, pale-green phyllite and slaty dolomite; interbeds of laminated, fine-grained, buff to light-gray weathering, light- to dark-gray dolomite. Laminated red phyllite occurs locally.

Shallow, shaly, clay soils with moderate permeability and moderately high shrink-swell potential. Extensive karst areas. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Waynesboro Formation: Gray, brown, green, and red argillite and phyllite with interbeds of laminated to thin-bedded, light- to dark-gray dolomite and limestone, and tan, fine-grained, thin- to thick-bedded sandstone.

Extreme variation in depth to bedrock where terrace deposits are present. Sinkholes common, particularly in overlying terraces. Soil thicknesses highly variable. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Shady Formation: (In cross sections only.)

Suspected zone of solution and collapse at the west foot of the Blue Ridge. (Unit 8 in text.)

- Antietam Formation: Thin-bedded, tan to white, metamorphosed, feldspathic sandstone, interlayered with green and pink, laminated phyllite and argillite (upper part). Massive, fine-grained, white to light-gray, Skolithos-bearing vitreous quartzite (lower part). q, thick, prominent quartzite ledge.

Mountain land with shallow, stony, and sandy soils that grade upslope into rock fields and outcrops. High permeability and low to moderate permeability and low shrink-swell potential. Artificial cuts are susceptible to erosion and sloughing. (Unit 6 in text.)

- Harpers Formation: Green to bluish-gray, quartz-chlorite-sericite phyllite, with thin to massive interbeds of grayish-green to bluish-gray metamorphosed sandstone. q, light-tan, prominent quartzite ls, zone of metamorphosed, ferruginous sandstone.

Mountain land with thin, excessively drained soils; rippable bedrock near surface. Low to moderate permeability and low shrink-swell potential. Artificial cuts are susceptible to erosion and sloughing. (Unit 4 in text.)

- Weverton Formation: Light-brown weathering, green quartzose phyllite, thick, coarse-grained, reddish-purple, metamorphosed, ferruginous sandstone and light-gray, pebble quartzite. Laminated gray or dark purplish-gray phyllite locally at base.

Shallow, excessively drained, rocky soil. Moderate permeability and low to moderate shrink-swell potential. Creep and sloughing are common on steep slopes. (Unit 5 in text.)

- Catoctin Formation: Fine-grained, dark greenish-gray chlorite-epidote-albite schist and actinolite-chlorite-albite schist; amygdaloidal metabasalt, epidote, epidote-quartz breccia, and greenish-gray metatuff. mt, metatuff, greenish-purple, phyllite metatuff. cs, light-green medium- to coarse-grained, metamorphosed, lithic sandstone and phyllite.

Mountain land, with well-drained, rocky, red clay soils. Moderate permeability and low shrink-swell potential. Pervasive joints and cleavages throughout. (Unit 4 in text.)

OTHER LAND-MODIFICATION FACTORS

- Modified land: Extensive cut and fill due to grading.
- Rockfalls: Areas of actual or potential rockfalls or slides not included in talus deposits.
- Karst land: Areas of known or potential sinkhole development, subsidence, and cave openings.
- Sinkhole.

CONTACTS

- Exposed or approximate
- Indefinite contact along collapse breccia zone (in cross sections A-A' and C-C' only)

FOLIATION

- Strike and dip of schistosity

FOLDS

- Anticline-trace; direction of plunge
- Syncline-trace; direction of plunge
- Overturned syncline-trace; direction of plunge

QUARRIES AND PROSPECTS

- Abandoned quarry
- Crushed stone (quartzite)
- Crushed stone (limestone and dolomite)
- Quartzite and phyllite
- Sand and gravel
- Prospect
- Iron-manganese

FAULTS

- Black line where exposed or approximate; gray line where covered or inferred; U, upthrown side, D, downthrown side; T, upper sheet; arrows indicate direction of relative movement

SAMPLE LOCATIONS

- R, repository number of sample
- F, repository number of fossil sample

BRECCIA

- Collapse breccia

ATTITUDE OF ROCKS

- Strike and dip of beds
- Strike and dip of overturned beds
- Strike of vertical beds

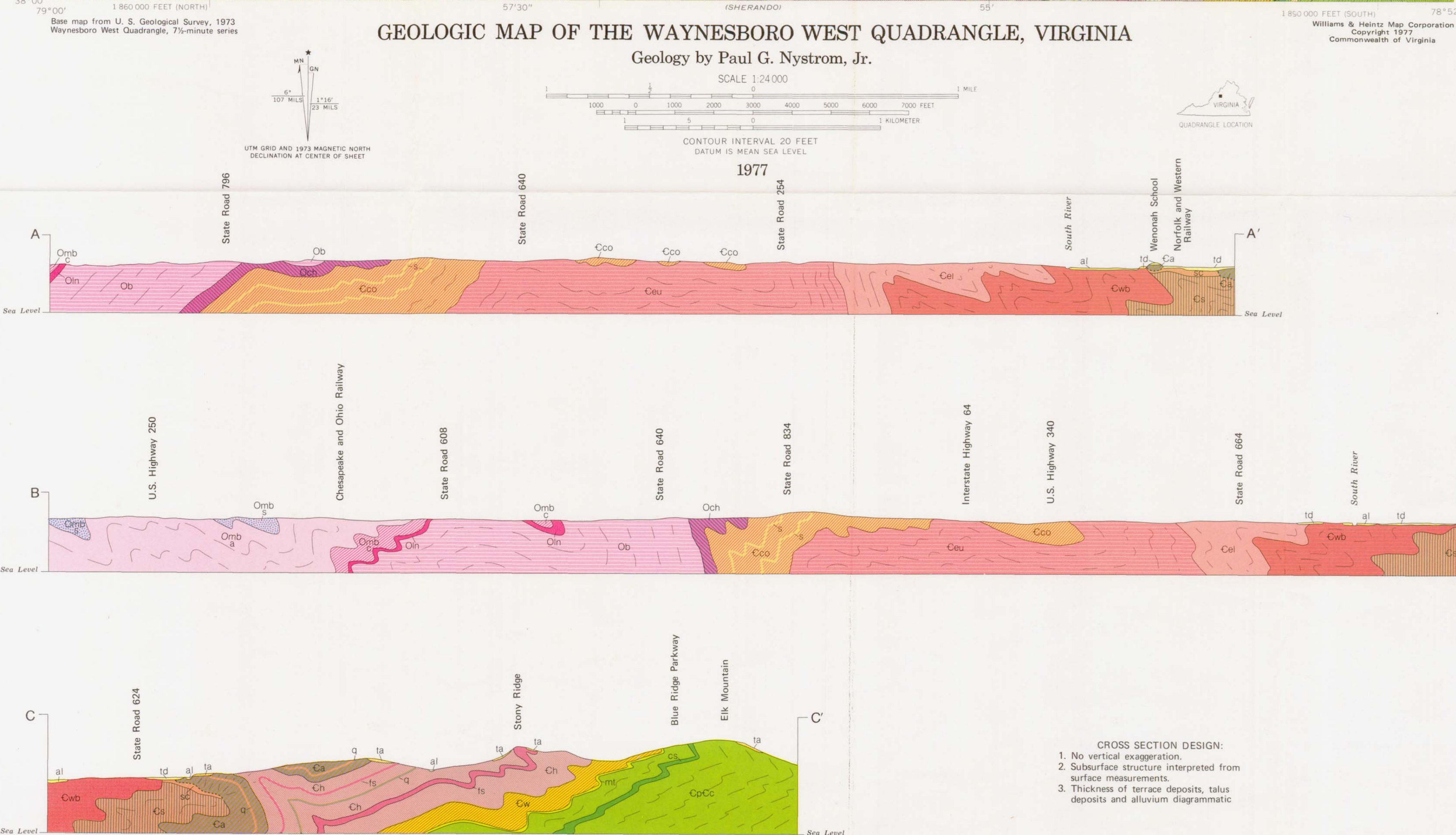
GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE WAYNESBORO WEST QUADRANGLE, VIRGINIA

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SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM (U.S. MEAN SEA LEVEL)

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CROSS SECTION DESIGN:  
1. No vertical exaggeration.  
2. Subsurface structure interpreted from surface measurements.  
3. Thickness of terrace deposits, talus deposits and alluvium diagrammatic